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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (SUBJECT LINE)

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TAGS: PFOR, OAS, MX

SUBJ: OAS SPECIAL COMMITTEE: MEXICAN PROPOSAL TO AMEND  
THE RIO TREATY

1. MEXICO PREFACED ITS PROPOSED AMENDMENTS BY STATING THAT IT WAS NOT RENDERING AN "OUT-AND-OUT CONDEMNATION" OF THE TREATY; MEXICO IS THE FIRST TO RECOGNIZE THE TREATY'S USEFULNESS AND VALUE; MEXICO RATHER AIMED AT IMPROVING IT THROUGH CERTAIN MODIFICATIONS. ESSENTIALLY, THE FLAWS IN THE TREATY ARE (A) ITS BEING LARGLEY DERIVED FROM A WORLD WAR II/COLD WAR CONTEXT NO LONGER RELEVANT AND (B) "THE UNBRIDGEABLE GULF IN INFLUENCE AND POWER EXIST- IN BETWEEN THE U.S. AND LATIN AMERICA" INHERENT TO THE TREATY. THE OBJECTIVES OF THE PROPOSAL ARE "TO AVOID UNJUSTIFIED INTERVENTIONS OF A COLLECTIVE CHARACTER" AND " TO STRENGTHEN CONTINENTAL COOPERATION AGAINST AGGRESSION IN THE REGIONAL SPHERE."

2. AMENDMENTS WERE PROPOSED TO ARTICLES 2, 3.2.4, 6, 8, 9, 17, 20 AND 26, AND A FURTHER PROPOSAL TO ADAPT THE  
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NOMENCALTURE OF THE ORGANS IN ARTICLES 12, 13, 15, 16,

23 AND 24 SO AS TO CONFORM TO THAT OF THE AMENDED  
CHARTER.

3. PRINCIPAL HIGHLIGHTS: IN ARTICLE 2; EXCISING THE  
PHRASEOLOGY OF "EXHAUSTING REGIONAL MEANS" BEFORE GOING  
TO UN--THUS PERMITTING STATE TO SUBMIT DISPUTE TO BODY  
IT PREFERENCES.

ARTICLE 8: REQUIRING PRIOR AUTHORIZATION OF UN  
SECURITY COUNCIL AS PREREQUISITE TO THE OBLIGATORY  
APPLICATION OF SANCTIONS.

ARTICLE 17: REQUIRING TWO-THIRDS VOTE TO MAINTAIN  
AS WELL AS INSTITUTE SANCTIONS, THUS EXTENDING CURRENT  
SITUATION WHERE A ONE-THIRD VOTE IS SUFFICIENT TO MAIN-  
TAIN SANCTIONS ONCE IMPOSED.

ARTICLE 4: LIMIT THE TERRITORY COVERED BY THE RIO  
TREATY TO THE TERRITORY OF THE SIGNATORY STATES, IN-  
CLUDING "CONTIGUOUS SPACE OVER WHICH COASTAL STATE HAS  
SPECIAL JURISDICTION".

ELIMINATE ARTICLE 9, BECAUSE IT MIGHT IMPLY OBLIGA-  
TION TO RESPOND IN CASE THE ARMED FORCES OF A SIGNATORY  
STATE WERE ATTACKED IN ANY PART OF THE WORLD.

4. WE ARE POUCHING FULL TEXT OF AMENDMENTS AND AMB  
DE LA COLINA'S STATEMENT IN EXPLANATION.

5. PERUVIANS PROPOSED FRIDAY, JULY 13, ENDING OF  
CONFERENCE. CONFERENCE ADJOURNED FOR WEEKEND FOR  
PERUVIAN ARRANGED VISIT TO CUZCO.  
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